

Patrol/narcotics detection dog to join Dayton Police Department

- Donation makes dog acquisition and training possible -

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The Dayton Police Department wishes to acknowledge and thank the Matt Haverkamp Foundation in partnership with Shiver Security for a generous donation of \$14,500, which will allow the department to purchase a dual purpose (tracking/patrol and narcotics detection) dog.

The donation will cover the costs of the animal and its training.

The department has chosen Officer Randy Betsinger for the K9 handler position. Officer Betsinger and his new partner Hugo, a 15-month-old German Shepherd, will attend Shallow Creek training facility in Pennsylvania beginning March 11.

The Matt Haverkamp Foundation was founded in 2005 in memory of the Golf Manor, Ohio, Police Department officer who died from injuries suffered in a car accident. The foundation strives to continue Haverkamp's legacy by supporting law enforcement agencies in communities in the Cincinnati region. Since the foundation's inception, it has been able to raise \$450,000 to help purchase 57 police dogs.

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